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1. DURING COURSE OF INFORMAL LUNCHEON WITH EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 12, INITIATED BY ALAIN OURY, SECRETARY GENERAL, GROUPEMENT DES HAUTS FOURNEAUX ET ACIERIES BELGE, OURY EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER GROWING FEELING IN EUROPEAN STEEL CIRCLES THAT EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS IN STEEL VRA OUGHT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BY PUBLICLY BOWING OUT OF AGREEMENT. OURY SAID FRENCH IN PARTICULAR, BUT OTHERS AS WELL, FEEL THAT RECENT EVENTS (WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FAILURE TO ADOPT VRA PROVISION, POSTPONEMENT OF TRADE BILL BY CONGRESS, APPARENT RESTIVENESS IN CONGRESS IN REGARD EXECUTIVE PROPOSALS) PLUS CONTINUING DELAY IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF COURT DECISION SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE POSSIBILITY EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS MAY BECOME LIABLE FOR DAMAGES. OURY COMMENTED THAT EUROPEAN PROPOSALS OF PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION SUGGEST THAT EUROPEANS SHOULD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT, DUE TO CHANGED MARKET CONDITIONS, VRA NO LONGER APPLICABLE AND THEREFORE NOT BINDING.

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2. EMBOFF REVIEWED ARGUMENTS BY USG OFFICIALS THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE AND MIGHT ACTUALLY HARM ADMINISTRATION'S CASE IN COURT AND IN CONGRESS. PARTICULAR REFERENCE WAS MADE TO UNDER SECRETARY CASEY'S RECENT LETTER (STATE 204768) TO BARON VAN DER REST REAFFIRMING USG DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT VRA AND SEEK LEGISLATIVE ACTION IF NECESSARY.

3. EMBOFF ALSO ARGUED THAT CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS (WITH EXPORTS TO U.S. RUNNING BELOW VRA LIMITS) MEAN THAT NO FURTHER CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE BEING ACCUMULATED SO NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY PUBLIC DISAVOWAL BY EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS.

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